

CLAIMS

1. An end piece for attachment to a free end of a measuring tape, the end piece including an end hook with 5 a support portion formed of a first material and a grip portion formed of a second material, wherein the support portion provides a keying interface on which the grip portion is moulded, thereby securing the grip portion to the support portion.

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2. An end piece according to claim 1 wherein the keying interface includes at least one concave formation on the support portion.

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3. An end piece according to claim 2 wherein concave formation includes a concave step or steps, dent or dimple.

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4. An end piece according to claim 2 or claim 3 wherein the concave formation is located at least on the rearward side of the support portion.

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5. An end piece according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the keying interface includes at least one channel formed in the support portion.

6. An end piece according to claim 5 wherein the channel is a hole extending from the rearward side to the forward side of the support portion.

5 7. An end piece according to any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the support portion includes a surface either on the rearward face and or on the forward face of the end hook which are not covered by the second material, the grip portion being disposed adjacent said surface or
10 surfaces.

8. An end piece according to any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein the grip portion is formed so that it embraces the end surface or edge of the support portion.

15 9. An end piece according to any one of claims 1 to 8 wherein the grip portion is formed of a relatively resilient material (in comparison to the first material).

20 10. A measuring tape with a free end and an end piece according to any one of claims 1 to 9 attached to the free end.

25 11. A method of forming a measuring tape end piece, e.g. according to any one of claims 1 to 9, the method including the steps of:

providing a support portion of an end hook, the support portion being formed of a first material and having a keying surface; and moulding a grip portion, formed of a second material, 5 onto the keying surface, thereby to secure the grip portion to the support portion.

12. A method according to claim 11 wherein the support portion is formed in a first moulding step and the grip 10 portion is then formed in a second moulding step.